

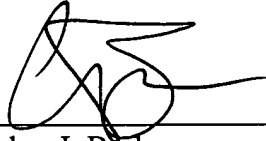
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The amendments made to the claims are made to more fully articulate the subject matter to which the Applicants desire patent protection. The amendment does not add any new matter to this application.

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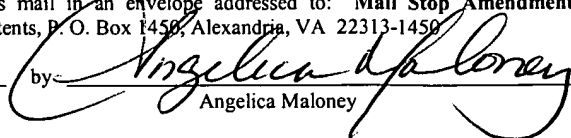
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